



# JPAT BROWN

EDITOR / WRITER/ FIRE-PUTTER-OUTER

## MY BACKGROUND

I leave places better than I found them.

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Editorial infrastructure, getting people to stick around places on fire, helping put out said fire, building brands out of things that should be too boring to build brands out of.

Also know a lot about FOIA, CIA and FBI history, J. Edgar Hoover's dogs, stuff like that.

I have spent more time on the CIA's declassified database (CREST) than any other human being alive

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## WORK BACKGROUND

### Editor / Executive Editor

MuckRock | 2014-present

- I turned a site with two-part time employees and a bi-monthly publishing schedule into the industry standard for public records reporting
- The reason your interns know what FOIA is
- Literally an expert on like, a dozen things related to government transparency at the local, state and federal level
- Have given numerous talks and trainings on those dozen things

### Staff Writer/Associate Editor/Managing Editor/Editor in Chief

DigBoston | 2009-2013

- I took over an alt-weekly when it was going to go out of business and kept it afloat while all of our competition went out of business

### Running a Computer Lab In a Church Basement

St. Stephen's Youth Programs | 2008-2009

- I ran a computer lab in a church basement

## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

### Bowdoin College

B.A English Literature and Comparative Religion

- Graduated with departmental honors
- Only ask about my undergraduate thesis if we're close

## BOOKS I WROTE/EDITED

- *Hungover Owls*, Abrams Image 2010
- *Writers Under Surveillance: The FBI Files*, MIT Press 2018
- *Scientists Under Surveillance: The FBI Files*, MIT Press 2019
- *Activists Under Surveillance: The FBI Files*, MIT Press 2019